

THE CITIZEN.

COMMUNICATIONS.

TO THE BLOOMFIELD CITIZEN.

In writing my letter in your issue of Jan. 1st, I did it with the desire of obtaining an answer from some responsible member of the Y. M. C. A., thinking that if the answer were clear and explicit it would do the Association no harm and possibly much good. I see by your issue of Jan. 8th, that some one over the name of plume of "Progressive Bloomfield" has taken my article which I thought it can in no way injure me may do much damage to the cause he advocates unless promptly disowned by the respectable members of that organization.

It happens that I am a sustaining member of the Y. M. C. A. both in Bloomfield and elsewhere, although I confess I have serious doubts of the expediency of organizing such an association in Bloomfield. But if such men as "Progressive Bloomfield" are to be its spokesmen, the sooner respectable gentlemen withdraw the better. There is nothing in the article that deserves notice except its billingsgate and consequent Y. M. C. A. have many sustaining members like "Progressive Bloomfield" it may well exclaim "save me from my friends."

FACTS.

MY DEAR MR. EDITOR.

Pray what is it? What is what? Why the "Progressive Bloomfield" of your last issue. Is it not a man? Obviously not. Why not? First, because it cannot reason. It concludes that because "Facts" has some doubts about the success of the Y. M. C. A. in Bloomfield, therefore he is an ally of "dance houses" and "gilded saloons"; that because "Facts" states certain things that he thinks should be established by the Y. M. C. A. therefore he believes the opposite; that because "Facts" doubts the success, therefore he desires the failure of the Y. M. C. A. No reasoning creature could reach such conclusions from such premises.

Second, the language—if it deserves that name—in which it expressed itself, belongs to no known family of language, it seems to be distantly related to English, but in too remote a degree to be classed as such.

Third, it is evidently not social in its habits, it admits that it does not attend church and Sunday school, and it manifestly knows nothing of the usages of society. While it is not a social being, it must be admitted that there is an indication of a gregarious tendency in its allusion to its being a "sustaining member."

These things seem to settle conclusively that it is not such a man as we are acquainted with, but if not, what is it? It is difficult to fix its exact place in nature from the limited knowledge that we have from its habits, but there are certain indications of its place to be derived from the article in question. It will be observed that in one place it speaks of being "frozen out," a reference possibly to the glacial period and "antediluvian facts." All these things indicate that it is of great antiquity, and but for its utter inability to reason, it would not be rash to conclude that it is one of our pre-historic ancestors, holding over as it were. But taking these references to prehistoric things, in connection with the absence of reasoning power and the imperfect means at its disposal of communicating its ideas—if they may be so called—the only conclusion that seems safe is, that it is the missing link.

This theory will fully explain the absence of the reasoning faculty, the imperfectly informed ideas, the impotency to express itself and its constant allusion to prehistoric things.

FANCY.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Atlantic Monthly for February will contain a poem of more than five pages, by James Russell Lowell, entitled "Credidimus Jovem Regnare," also some poetry by Mr. Whittier, so that the verse of the number will be of a striking character.

The New Riverside Edition of Longfellow's Works, in eleven volumes, in which the poet's writings appear in their final form, is at last completed.

Mr. F. Marion Crawford's new serial, "Paul Patoff," which is appearing in the "Atlantic Monthly," is being translated into French, and will appear simultaneously in the "Nouvelle Revue." Several of Mr. Crawford's books have been translated into French, and "Mr. Patoff" has a place upon the list of works of which a copy is sent to every municipal library in Paris, but none of his books have been hitherto published serially there.

Mr. Blaine spoke sensibly on the subject of extempore speaking in the pulpit, advising that ministers should speak rather than read their sermons, but that they should prepare them no less carefully than if they were to be read from manuscript. He said:

"I want extempore speeches in the pulpit that a minister of eloquence has been six weeks in preparing, and if you should go to all the great places in which they have been gathered up in a Pentecostal season, you never see the interposition of manuscript. I would have such influence as Whitefield had in the open field. I would have such influence as Robert Cushman made in the first sermon delivered on New England soil. I would have such influence as Paul exerted before the men of Athens. I would have the initiation of that highest of all spiritual influence when our Divine spoke to them on the Mount."

The following note appeared in the Times of last Monday:—"The Critic has removed from No. 18 Astor Place to 743 Broadway, having acquired a three years' lease of new offices on the second floor of the building occupied by Charles Scribner's Sons. It has for a near neighbor on the same floor the new 'Scribner's Magazine,' which periodical having four windows looking out on Broadway. 'The Critic' deserves prosperity. There is no

literary journal in the country that approaches it or gives promise of approaching it.

Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls are about to join the publishers who hover about Lafayette and Astor Places. They have leased the premises at 18 and 20 Astor Place, under the floor occupied by Taintor Brothers & Co. and formerly by 'The Critic' also, where they will add to their present business, that of selling miscellaneous works, and a general jobbing business.

The first volume of the writings of Benjamin Franklin will be published by the Putnam's this month. Two-thirds of the edition are already subscribed for, and the undertaking promises to be quite as successful as the Hamilton. They will also publish quite soon a volume on "Railway Reform," by Gen. E. P. Alexander, in the Questions of the Day Series; "The Conflict of East and West in Egypt," by John Eliot Bowen, son of the proprietor of "The Independent," and "The Fall of Maximilian's Empire as Seen from a United States Gunboat," by Lieut. Seaton Schroeder.

Nothing could be more permanently valuable, or give a stronger impetus to healthful mental development and liberal culture for children, than a Christmas gift of Mrs. Clara Erskine Clements' "Stories of Art and Artists," which Ticknor & Co. have published in its beautiful edition, richly illustrated. The volume is dedicated to the author's fair little daughter, Hope, whose childish longings for art stories and legends these were written to satisfy, and they are thus pervaded by a beautiful sympathy with child life and by a mother's comprehension of juvenile tastes and interests.

Mrs. John Chapman, it is said, is engaged in putting together materials for the life of George Eliot. The early and close friendship existing between the most distinguished contributor to the Westminster Review and the wife of its editor ought to give a special interest to the biography.

Roberts Bros. report that they have never sold so many books in a season before. The enormous sale of 45,000 copies of "Jo's Boys" roused a new demand for other books by Miss Alcott, and 2,000 copies of "Little Women" were sold between the 10th and 20th of December.

Mr. H. K. Elliott, of the Commercial Advertiser, has written a novel of New York life in palm days of the Ninth Ward, which Cassell & Co. will soon publish. It is titled "The Common Chord."

The second supplementary volume of McClintock and Strong's Religious Cyclopaedia—the twelfth in the set, which it completes—will be issued in a few days by Harper & Bros.

The new library being built at Washington is so large, that, at the present annual growth of 25,000 volumes, it will take two centuries to fill the building with books. There are but five larger libraries in the world.

Nowadays when a novel makes a success in Paris it comes not only quickly but with an overwhelming rush. On Nov. 10th M. Levy published M. H. Levy's "Princesse," on Nov. 20th it had reached a twentieth edition. "Princesse," by the way contains four stories.

It has been estimated that the public has paid for the various editions of Appleton's "American Cyclopaedia," including annual supplements, nearly \$15,000,000. There have been 129,000 sets sold, aggregating 2,600,000 volumes.

"Doctor Cupid," by Rhoda Broughton, is a lively novel by the author of "Cometh up as a Flower," and possesses more than the ordinary marks of ability and originality. It will prove a popular story.

Mr. Frank Murray of Derby, Eng., entitles his last catalogue "A Tour in the Book-Lover's Paradise: with a few titles snatched up and offered with prices attached to the curious."

Before the Nineteenth Century Club, Prof. Boyesen eulogized George Eliot as a great literary artist, and Julian Hawthorne questioned her right to the title.

Mrs. Louis T. Hoggins of San Francisco has in press a dainty volume entitled "Livre d'Amour." It promises to be a work of art in binding and typography.

We have another collection of Mr. Randolph Caldecott's sketches from the London Graphic. The volume is issued by Messrs. Routledge.

At a recent literary party all the guests were dressed to represent characters in Dickens's novels.

A new novel by Ebers, entitled "Die Nilratur," is announced for immediate publication.

John Boyle O'Reilly's new book will be called "The Country with a Roof."

Mr. Gladstone is writing a book upon Homer's religion.

The new Year's Calendars by the score; but Hood's Household Calendar-Almanac is literally "head and shoulders" above all others. The beautiful child's face, in colors will ornament any home for the whole of 1887, and will constantly grow in favor. The pad, containing the months, is neatly and concisely arranged, profusely illustrated by wood engravings, and contains besides the usual Calendar features, all the information worth having which is usually given in almanacs. Hood's Calendar-Almanac is beautiful, condensed, practical. It may be had at the druggists, or by sending six cent in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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You sported at your play, an idle boy,
When I first felt the stirring of her life
Within my startled being. I was thrilled
With such intensity of love, it filled
The very universe! But words are vain—
No man can comprehend that wild sweet pain.

You smiled in childhood's slumber while I felt
The agonies of labor; and the night
I weeping, o'er the little sufferer knelt,
You, wandering on through dreamland's
fair delights,
Plunged out your lengthening limbs and
slept and grew.

While I, awake, saved this dear wife for you.
She was my heart's loved idol, and my pride,
I taught her all those graces which you prize,
I dreamed of coming years, when at my side
She should lend lustre to my fading days,
Should cling to me (as she to you clings
now),
The young fruit hanging to the withered bough.

But lo! the blossom was so fair a sight,
You plucked it from me—for your own delight.
Well, you are worthy of her—oh, thank God—
And yet I think you do not realize
How burning were the sands of e'er which I trod

To beat and rear this woman you so prize.
It was no easy thing to see her go—
Even into the arms of one she worshipped so.
How strong, how vast, how awful seems
The power
Of this new love which fills a maiden's heart.

For one who never bore a single hour
Of pain for her; which tears her life apart
From all its moorings, and controls her more
Than all the ties the years have held before;
Which crowns a stranger with a kingly grace—
And gives the one who bore her—second place.

She loves me still! and yet were Death to say,
"Choose now between them!" you would
be her choice.

God meant it to be so—it is His way—
But can you wonder, if while I rejoice
In her content, this thought hurts me like a knife—
"No longer necessary to her life?"

My pleasure in her joy is bitter sweet,
Your very goodness sometimes hurts my heart,
Because for her life's drama seems complete
Without the mother's oft-repeated part.
Be patient with me! She was mine so long
Who now is yours. One must indeed be
stripping
To meet such loss without the least regret.

And so forgive me if my eyes are wet.
—Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in Brooklyn Magazine.

Dogs In Warfare.

"The use of dogs in warfare is no new thing. As long ago as 1476 the battle of Grandson was fought and won largely by fighting dogs. The Spaniards employed them extensively in their brutal work in South America. Vasco Nunez took a regiment of dogs with him, and in one combat alone they are reported to have strangled more than two thousand Indians. Pizarro, assuredly one of the most ruthless warriors who ever led a Spanish army of the grim old type, naturally did not neglect such potent aid, and his dogs did much to win the battle of Caxamalca. So valiantly, indeed, did they comport themselves, that he was ordered from Madrid that henceforward the regiment of dogs should receive regular pay on the same footing as the human soldiers. History does not say who pocketed the money. Even the "chivalrous" Henry VII joined a contingent of four hundred fighting dogs to the army he sent to aid Charles V. in his wars with Francis I. The nations of antiquity, of course, set the example in this as in so many other things.

The almanac for 1887 gives a few items of general interest: New Year's Day comes on Saturday; Washington's birthday on Tuesday; St. Valentine's Day on Monday; April fool day on Friday; Memorial Day on Monday; Fourth of July on Monday; Easter Sunday will be on the 10th of April; Lent begins March 2. There will be four eclipses, two of the sun and two of the moon. One, February 8th, visible as a partial eclipse in the United States. The others that occur, as follows: The annual eclipse of the sun, February 23; August 19, of the sun.

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Legal Notices.

ESSEX CIRCUIT COURT.—Ernest H. E. C. Dohman vs. Theodore Lamprecht and Marie Rick.—ON CONTRACT.—ORDER FOR PUBLICATION.

Upon reading the affidavit of Joseph D. Gallagher, one of the attorneys of the plaintiff in the above cause by which it appears that the said defendants are both non-residents in this State, and that the defendant, Theodore Lamprecht, resides in Chicago, in the State of Illinois, and the defendant, Marie Rick, in the State of Missouri, and that the above suit is brought against the said defendants as heirs of Adolphus G. Lamprecht deceased, under the provisions of an act entitled "An act for the relief of creditors against debtors and debtors against creditors," passed March 7th, 1877, and that the land which has been inherited from the said Adolphus G. Lamprecht, is situated in the Township of Bloomfield, in the County of Essex, in this State, and that the Sheriff of said County, has returned a summons against the above suit that he cannot and the defendants in his County. It is therefore on this twentieth day of November, ordered that the said Theodore Lamprecht and Marie Rick the defendants herein, do appear to the said Court, on or before the twentieth day of January 1887, and that a copy of this rule be served on the said Theodore Lamprecht and Marie Rick within thirty days from the date hereof, or be published for four weeks successively once at least in each week in the Bloomfield Citizen, a newspaper published in the County where said lands lie and that the first publication be made within twenty days from the date hereof.

DAVID A. DEPUK, J.
WHITEHEAD, GALLAGHER & RICHARDS,
Attorneys.

CHIEF'S SALE.—In Chancery of New Jersey. Between Warren G. Smith, executor, &c., complainant, and Thomas E. Hayes, and all defendants. F. L. A. for sale of mortgaged premises. By virtue of the aforesaid writ of fieri facias to me directed, I shall expose for sale by public vendue, at the Court House in Newark, on Tuesday, the eighth day of February next, at two o'clock P. M., all that tract of parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the township of Bloomfield, a seat county, New Jersey, Beginning in a easterly line of Monroe place at a point four hundred feet easterly from Park place thence north eleven and a half degrees east one hundred and fifty feet, more or less, to land now or formerly of Israel C. Ward; thence south west and quarter degrees as a fifty feet; thence south eleven and a half degrees west one hundred and fifty feet, more or less, to Monroe place; thence along the same north seventy-eight and a half degrees west fifty feet to the place a bearing, all other the same premises conveyed by the said George W. Smith and wife to said Thomas E. Hayes, by deed dated April 3th, 1875.

WM. H. BROWN, Sheriff
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